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Stuck in the middle? Perceived discrimination and cultural assimilation of second-generation Muslim youth in Europe

This study examines cultural assimilation of immigrants in Europe, focusing on differences in attitudes towards gender roles, same-sex relationships, traditionalism, and religiosity between first and second-generation immigrants and natives. It also considers the influence of religious background, perceived discrimination, and age on these differences, using two theoretical arguments (Cultural Proximity and Blocked Acculturation). The results show that, overall, second-generation migrants are more similar to natives across religious backgrounds. However, migrants from Muslim-majority countries still lag behind natives, though they are closing the gap faster than other migrants. Additionally, Muslim youth are assimilating less, particularly among those who perceive themselves as discriminated against. This suggests a form of "blocked acculturation" among younger second-generation immigrants of Muslim background.

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